Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila)*—Was no report of the recent Municipal Conference received by Government?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government)*.—It is not a conference contemplated by the Municipal Regulation. Government is not to send reminders for the submission of such reports. They are not expected to send their reports.

Village Libraries—Speech of Mahakavi Vallathol.

119. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether their attention has been drawn to the following passage in the speech of Mahakavi Vallathol as reported in 'Gomathi' of 25th Kanni 1112:—

"വായനശാലയില്ലാത്ത പ്രദേശം ആത്മാവില്ലാത്ത ശരീരംപോലെ നിർ ജ്ജീവമാണ്. ഒരു പ്രദേശത്ത് ഒരു വായനശാല ഉണ്ടായിത്തീരുന്നത് ആ സ്ഥല ത്തിനു പ്രാണൻ ഉണ്ടായിത്തീരുന്നതിനു സമമാണ്".

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government)*.—Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—Do the Government appreciate the principle laid down in the article? Do the Government agree to the sentiment expressed there?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government)*.—Government do not agree.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. രാമൻമേനോൻ *(Mulakunnathukavu)*.— മഹാകവികൾ അതിശയോക്തി ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നവരാണെന്നു ഗവൺമെൻറിനറിയാമോ? (ചിരി.)

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government)*.—But Government think it is one point in favour of that.

District Registrars—Different grades of pay.

120. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty *(Pazhanji)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons why the District Registrars all doing the same work are placed in four different grades, while the Sub-Assistant Surgeons in the Medical Department all doing the same work are placed in a uniform grade?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government)*.—Are the Sub-Assistant Surgeons are not placed in a uniform grade. The question does not, therefore, arise.

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Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty *(Pazhanji).*—Apart from the Sub-Assistant Surgeon's grade, the District Registrars are in four different grades?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—There are many other officers who are in different grades doing the same kind of work. The District Registrars are not in any way something different.

Officers to whom loans were advanced in 1111 M.E.

121. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of officers in the State to whom loans were given by the State for the purchase of cars or for building houses or for any other purpose in 1111?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Comptroller of Accounts).*—A statement containing the required information is appended. *(Appendix III).*

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur).*—What are the conditions under which loans are granted to these officers?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Comptroller of Accounts).*—With regard to house advances the property should be mortgaged to Government.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur.)*—What I want is the rate of interest and the conditions of repayment ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Comptroller of Accounts).*—Rate of interest is 6½ per cent. The maximum period is 100 months in the case of house loans and in the case of conveyance loans it is 40 months.

Government shares in limited Companies.

122. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether they have taken any shares in any limited Company after the last Budget Session; and if so, the names of such Company or Companies with the face value of the shares taken?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Comptroller of Accounts).*—No.

Concessions—Cochin Furniture Company, Ltd.

123. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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